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anaesthesias, instead of leading to crudeness, should make one a thousand times more careful."

The first four chapters and also chapters XIII, XV, XVIII, XX are written with special reference to the nurses' responsibilities, and no point in the care of the patient, during and after anaesthesia, is overlooked; but particularly is the nurse urged to be unremitting in her care of those who are dependent on her consideration; to get the patient's point of view, and to do to her, or to him, as she would that others should do to herself.

THE MIDWIFE'S PRONOUNCING DICTIONARY. Edited by Henry Robinson, M.A., M.D., District Medical Officer to the County Council and the Metropolitan Water Board; Late Resident Obstetric Officer at St. George's Hospital, etc. New and revised edition, profusely illustrated. The Scientific Press, Limited, London. Price, 1 shilling.

Just at this time, when more instruction in midwifery for nurses is being advocated, comes this revised edition of a compact and seemingly complete dictionary. The pronunciation of the words is given, though not always what is in common use in this country. The book is illustrated and of a size to commend it for everyday use.

WHAT EVERY MOTHER SHOULD KNOW ABOUT HER INFANTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN. By Charles G. Kerley, M.D. Paul B. Hoeber, 67-69 East 59th Street, New York. Price, 35 cents.

Adapted to the needs of the mother of moderate means, this little book was prepared at the suggestion of a child's welfare organization. It embraces all the important points in the care and rearing of children up to the sixth year, and includes general hygiene, diet, first aid in accidents and ailments, the special care during dentition, and some instruction on the care of the teeth, eyes, the giving of an enema, and other useful information for young mothers.

PAINLESS CHILDBIRTH; EUTOCIA AND NITROUS OXID-OXYGEN ANALGESIA. By Dr. C. Henry Davis, Associate in Obstetrics and Gynecology, Rush Medical College in affiliation with the University of Chicago, Assistant Attending Obstetrician and Gynecologist to the Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago, Member Chicago Gynecological Society, Fellow American Medical Association. Forbes and Compay, Chicago. Price, \$1.00.

The question of painless and, at the same time, safe and normal childbirth has received much attention of late. The Twilight Sleep,

which for a time seemed to have provided a solution to the problem, came later to be regarded with distrust and met with a storm of opposition from professional authorities. The method which Dr. Davis here advocates is claimed to be absolutely safe; it is the eutocia (pronounced u-to-ke-ah) or easy, natural delivery, with a minimum of pain, and is produced by the administration of nitrous oxid-oxygen, which lessens and removes the sensation of pain without producing amnesia. Dr. Davis, although his mission is to provide for the comfort of the patient and to conserve her energy, does not fail to warn his readers that absolute surgical cleanliness is necessary to ensure the safety of the patient, whether she has the nitrous oxid-oxygen or not.

The following books have been received by the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING:

EVERY MOTHER'S BOOK AND YOUNG WIFE'S GUIDE. By Thomas Dutton, M.D., Univ. Durh., Bachelor in Medicine, University of Durham; Member of the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh; Hon. Physician, Uxbridge Road Auto-Natal and Infant Consultations Clinic, Author of *The Feeding and Rearing of Children*, Second edition revised. Philadelphia, Peter Reilly, 133 North Thirteenth Street, 1916.

REILLY'S POCKET MEDICAL DICTIONARY. By Thomas Dutton, M.D., University of Durham, Bachelor of Medicine of the University of Durham; Member of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, etc., etc. Second Edition, Published by Peter Reilly, 133 North Thirteenth Street, Philadelphia.

ESSENTIALS OF MEDICINE. A text-book of medicine for students, beginning a medical course, for nurses and for all others interested in the care of the sick, by Charles Phillips Emerson, M.D., Late Resident Physician, Johns Hopkins Hospital; Associate in Medicine, Johns Hopkins University; Illustrated by the Author, Second Edition. J. B. Lippincott Company, Philadelphia. Price, \$2.00.

A Loose-Leaf Record and Chart Book for Nurses—gotten up by the Physicians Record Company, 538 South Dearborn Street, Chicago. Price, \$2.00 and \$3.00.